

# CLARK COUNTY CLEAN WATER COMMISSION

## Meeting Notes

Wednesday, February 4, 2004

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Clark Public Utilities

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### Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Mary Martin, Bill Owen, Susan Rasmussen, Judy Schramm Don Stienke, Art Stubbs, and Virginia vanBreeman

### Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Absent

Robbie Agard and Anne Jackson

### Clark County Public Works Staff

Kelli Frost and Earl Rowell

### Audience

Michael Butish

## **Call to Order**

### *Introduction*

The members of the Clark County Clean Water Commission, audience, and Clark County staff were introduced. The meeting was then called to order.

### *Agenda and material review*

The material for the meeting includes:

1. 2/04/04 Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting agenda
  2. 11/05/03 Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting notes
  3. 12/3/03 CWC Cancelled Meeting Agenda
  4. 1/7/04 CWC Cancelled Meeting Agenda
  5. News Release 1/29/04 – Watershed Stewards Deadline Extended
  6. News Release 1/29/04 – Clean Water Program Sponsors Children's Billboard Art Contest
  7. EIC Newsletter
  8. Clark County Clean Water Commission Motions year 2003
  9. Clark County Clean Water Commission: 2004 Schedule of Activities
  10. Clark County Clean Water Commission Members as of June 2003
- 2/4/04 BOCC Work Session materials

### *11/05/03 meeting notes*

The 11/05/03 Clean Water Commission meeting notes were approved as written.

### *Recognition of Mary Martin's service on the Clean Water Program*

Clean Water Chair, Susan Rasmussen, presented Mary Martin with a certificate of appreciation recognizing her service on the Clean Water Commission. The Clean Water Commission applauded Mrs. Martin's efforts noting that she will be missed on the Clean Water Commission.

## **Public Comments**

Mr. Butish from the Rosemere Neighborhood introduced himself to the Clean Water Commissioners and stated that he was interested in learning how the Clean Water Commission worked and to see if there could be some cooperative effort between the two entities because we share the same water and drinking water.

Mr. Stubbs: What agency is in charge of making sure that septic tanks are not polluting the streams?

Mr. Butis: The Clark County Health District.

Mr. Owen: What is the status of the TMDL's for Vancouver Lake?

Mr. Rowell: The only TMDL's that I am aware of are Salmon Creek and Gibbons Creek.

Mr. Owen: My understanding is that the Department of Ecology has discussed the possibility of implementing TMDL's in the Vancouver Lake area.

Mr. Stubbs: Does the city of Vancouver have a Clean Water Commission or a Clean Water Program?

Mr. Butish: No.

Mr. Stubbs: Do they have to apply for an NPDES permit?

Mr. Rowell: Yes, they have to apply for a permit.

Mr. Stubbs: Under what guise are they accepting a Clean Water Fee?

Mr. Rowell: What they have currently is not a clean water fee; it is a storm utility fee.

Mr. Owen: I know that the Public Works Division has to show the EPA that they are maintaining their sewer system, so that may be a way to find out if they are actively looking at sewer systems in your neighborhood.

Mr. Butish thanked the Clean Water Commissioners for their time and information.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Butish for attending the Clean Water Commission meeting.

#### **Election of 2004 Clean Water Commission Officers**

Mr. Stienke: I nominate Art Stubbs for Chair of the Clean Water Commission.

Mr. Stubbs: I nominate Susan Rasmussen for Chair of the Clean Water Commission.

By a unanimous decision, Mr. Stubbs was nominated Chair of the 2004 Clean Water Commission and Mrs. Rasmussen was nominated as Vice Chair.

#### **BOCC Work Session**

Mr. Rowell: Staff members educated the Board of County Commissioners regarding the various capital projects being proposed for approval. Originally there were nine capital projects submitted for approval but for various reasons two of those had to be postponed leaving seven capital projects. The remaining seven projects are as follows; Suds Creek, Schuller, Salmon Creek Historical Channel, Bliss road (NW 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue), Gabbert Mitigation, North Salmon Creek and HWY 99, and Lalonde Creek.

Based on the recommendations from the Clean Water Commission, the Board of County Commissioner concurred with the projects.

Mr. Owen: Once the Board approves the projects how soon will design take place?

Mr. Rowell: Design can begin almost immediately after approval, provided permits don't delay the process.

Mr. Rowell: In your packet of materials is a map which outlines the areas of all of these projects.

Mrs. Schramm: As these projects are being worked on, is the plan still to have signs up identifying this as a Clean Water projects?

Mr. Rowell: Yes, our goal is to have signs up during construction and after completion.

Mr. Owen: Commissioner Morris particularly stressed that the Clean Water Commission needed to quantify the impact of having these capital facilities. Have you or your staff addressed how to approach this?

Mr. Rowell: We can evaluate what goes in to and what comes out of a facility.

Mr. Owen: Do they plan to sample Thomas Lake only during rain events?

Mr. Rowell: I think it will be a continuous sample schedule; we are still implementing a plan.

### **Other Items**

#### *Vacancy on the Clean Water Commission*

Mr. Rowell asked the Clean Water Commissioners if they knew of a citizen who they felt would be interested in becoming a Clean Water Commissioner. Mr. Rowell requested that if there are interested citizens to please provide me their name(s).

Mr. Rowell: From a geographical standpoint I think it would be appropriate to have a member from East County or North County join the Clean Water Commission.

#### *Small Acreage Farm Program*

Ms. vanBreeman mentioned that she is taking Penny Ramey's class called Living off the land, there are approximately 30 other people also taking the class.

Mr. Rowell stated that there are quite a number of people wanting to take this training so there will be at least two classes to accommodate the need.

#### *Inclement Weather and Contacting CWC Members*

Mr. Stubbs: Earl and I ran into a problem notifying everyone when the Clean Water Commission was cancelled. Does anyone have any objections to distributing a list of the Commissioners names and phones numbers?

The Clean Water Commissioners requested that this topic be brought up when all Commissioners were present.

#### *Clean Water Fee*

Mrs. Rasmussen asked for an update regarding Pacific Rock Products and their Clean Water Fee.

Mrs. Frost Informed the Clean Water Commissioners that County staff is working with Pacific Rock to review their parcels and evaluate their fee. The goal is to correct any errors on their billings and redelineate their parcels as necessary. We are hoping to come up with a consistent process that we can implement to all the gravel pits in unincorporated Clark County.

#### *Next Meeting*

The next Clean Water Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 3, 2004 at Clark County Public Works Maintenance and Operations Conference Room, 4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> Street from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

### **Adjourn**

***The Clean Water Commission meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.***

*Respectively Submitted,*

*Kelli Frost*  
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